

SECURITY INFORMATION

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26 December 1951

Chief, FBIS

Chief, Mediterranean Bureau

Communications

Reference: Memorandum from Chief, FBIS, to Chief, London Bureau and Chief, Mediterranean Bureau, dated 23 November 1951, above subject.

1. Attention is invited to the attached copy of a letter received from the Cyprus Manager of Cable & Wireless, Ltd., which advises that within a current week up to 10% of the volume of the total Kyrenia-London traffic of the preceding seven days may be transmitted via State Department channels. This communication was received in answer to a request made of Cable & Wireless on 14 December 1951 for relaxation of the previous limitation on the volume of material so filed. At that time, excessive backlogs of unsent traffic existed in London, most of which could not be cleared via State Department channel due to the limitation to 10% of one day's traffic.

2. Although the new basis for refiling alleviates the situation to some extent, it is recommended that further efforts be made in London to establish one-quarter of one year's traffic as the base.

3. Further report will be submitted in reference to paragraph 2 of the attached letter when information is received.

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CABLE AND WIRELESS INF.

Cyprus Branch

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Nicosia, 17th December, 1951.

Dear [redacted]

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Confirming our conversation on Saturday night, I received a telegram from my Head Office advising me that the authorities in the United Kingdom have now agreed to permit the transmission direct within a current week of up to 10% of the volume of the total traffic of the preceding seven days.

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With regard to the query raised by [redacted] regarding the possibility of hiring transmitter time for transmission of press traffic to be intercepted by the American Embassy in Greece, my Head Office is communicating with our Manager in Greece but we do not anticipate any difficulty and we will advise you of the final decision in due course.

If you receive any further details regarding the volume of traffic to be handled and the times of transmission, I shall be grateful if you would let me know.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ J. T. Look

MANAGER IN CYPRUS

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